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A method and apparatus for the detection and communication of a missing LAN or WAN compliant device to a host device is disclosed. The present invention includes a front card configured to accept a Fast Ethernet device on a PCI-compliant bus, and the front card includes a switch which is serially disposed on a PCI\_Isel line corresponding to a particular channel on said front card. The switch is further configured to receive a sensing signal corresponding to said channel from said device. The apparatus is configured to provide the PCI\_Idsel line to the front card if the sensing signal is in a first state, and provide a low potential to the front card if said sensing signal is in a second state.

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